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Falcon's soccer wins conference at home yesterday ; PAGE 8

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GROWING INTO THE MAINSTREAM

States put marijuana on ballot

By Brendan Riley
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Marijuana is on the ballot across the West this fall, from proposals to allow its medicinal use in Colorado and Nevada to measures that would let it flourish in Alaska and the pot-growing "Emerald Triangle" of Northern California.

Recent polls suggest the proposals are likely to pass in both Nevada and Colorado. In the past four years, similar medical-marijuana measures have become law in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Maine and Hawaii.

Nevada's Question 9 would let doctors prescribe marijuana for severe illness and pain. Nevada voters approved medical marijuana by 59 percent in 1998, but adding it to the state's constitution requires another "yes" vote on Nov. 7.

Nevada has strict anti-marijuana laws, yet a recent Las Vegas Review-Journal poll found 63 percent of likely voters backed the measure, with 28 percent opposed. And the state's policy-making drug commission, which fought the measure two years ago, has been silent this year.

"Nevada voters get it. They know this is a public health issue completely unrelated to the war on drugs," said Dan Greary, a leader of the movement in favor of the measure.

Colorado's Amendment 20 would permit marijuana use for those with serious or chronic illnesses, under a doctor's care. A recent Denver Rocky Mountain News poll found 71 percent of registered voters favored the measure, and 23 percent opposed it.

It is "the wrong message to send to our children," said Dr. Joel Karlin, a past president of the Colorado Medical Society and spokesman of Coloradans Against Legalizing Marijuana.

Advocates of medical marijuana use say it helps people suffering from ailments like glaucoma,



Associated Press Photo

VOTING: A voter in Alaska pushes for the passage of Issue 5, which would make marijuana crimes a lower priority. Six states are voting on the legalization of marijuana this fall.

na, nausea from chemotherapy and appetite loss from AIDS. Opponents, including the American Medical Association, say marijuana can contribute to cancer and affect eye disorders and multiple sclerosis.

Out-of-state money is pushing both measures. Their chief backer is Americans for Medical Rights, bankrolled by three tycoons: New York financier and philanthropist George Soros, Cleveland insurance mogul Peter Lewis and University of Phoenix founder John Sperling.

Since 1998, those supporting

the Colorado and Nevada measures have reported raising at least \$1.4 million. Opponents said have they raised less than \$40,000.

Not surprisingly, there is no organized opposition in California's Mendocino County, where passage of Measure G would allow adults to grow 25 pot plants apiece as long as they are not for sale or transport.

The Northern California area produces an illegal marijuana crop with an annual street value of around \$1 billion. Last year, more than 300 pot plantations

were raided in Mendocino County and \$204 million worth of weed was seized. Authorities believe that for every plant they find, there are 10 more out there.

Under the measure, the sheriff and the district attorney would make marijuana crime their lowest priority and county officials would seek an end to state and federal anti-marijuana laws. The district attorney and sheriff have refused to support the measure.

Alaska's ballot measure may face harder going.

Besides making marijuana

legal, the initiative would give amnesty for marijuana crimes and offer restitution for time in prison.

Anchorage Police Chief Duane Udland warned that the measure would create "a drug culture, with all the young people sitting around stoned all the time."

Until 10 years ago, Alaska allowed people to have small amounts of marijuana, based on a 1975 Alaska Supreme Court ruling. Voters banned pot completely in 1990 but later approved its medicinal use.

USG 'makes a difference'

By April Elliott
STAFF WRITER

United Way's National Make a Difference Day was held this past Saturday, and the University's Undergraduate Student Government participated.

The group, which also included a few students from the Graduate Student Senate, gathered at the Saddlemere Student Services Building before they made their way to a few nursing homes, a food pantry, downtown businesses and the Perry Field House.

Make a Difference Day is a day in which organizations are asked to do various community service activities. This is nothing new for USG, because they hold a community service day every month.

This is the second year USG has participated in the event, their participation last year sparked by Nick Gresko, this year's USG treasurer.

USG hopes to continue participation in the event over the years, and already has a goal for next year.

"Next year we hope to have at least a thousand volunteers," said Rebecca Fitch, USG's chief-of-staff.

Without as big of a turnout they had hoped for this year, the event was a success. Published with the entire campus in mind, some other organizations participated in the event.

"It was a wonderful experience, especially at the nursing homes," Fitch said. "I just can't get over how they felt having us there."

Not only did the group go to nursing homes, they also stocked shelves at a food pantry, picked-up trash for the Downtown Business Association, and setup for Latinopalooza.

The group held reflections before and after the event, and from what was said all the participants benefited from their participation.

"We want to keep in touch with all of the people we were in contact with," Fitch said. "We're already going back to some of the nursing homes in two weeks."

Fitch feels that she got more out of the experience than she gave. "I had a really good experience," she said. "We had a great impact on the people we helped, and it made us feel really good about ourselves."

Not only are the group members returning to the nursing homes and participating in the event next year, they are going to keep participating in community service events throughout the year.

"There are so many great opportunities waiting out there for students to go out and do," Fitch said. "It was very easy for us to find these projects for Saturday. Everyone involved was grateful."

'Essential core of maleness' close to being deciphered, scientists say

By Malcolm Ritter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists are close to deciphering the makeup of the Y chromosome, that essential core of maleness that's saddled with a bad reputation, a weird past and an uncertain future.

It's true, guys: Millions of years from now, your descendants might not have a Y chromosome at all.

But first things first. By this winter, scientists hope to have worked out the DNA sequence of the Y chromosome — the identity of its DNA building blocks. They plan to publish their analysis of the sequence sometime next year.

The work should help researchers learn about causes of male infertility, because it'll help them identify genes on the Y that

men need to make sperm.

It should also give a big push to understanding the evolution and functions of the chromosome, a quest that went nowhere for decades until just the 1980s. In fact, one expert says earlier failures to understand the Y have given it a bad rap as a genetic couch potato, and he hopes new DNA studies will finally gain it some respect.

"There's been almost a century of ignorance-based misunderstanding of the Y," says David Page of the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Mass. "There aren't that many chromosomes that have an intellectual history" of thought and study by scientists, he said. "It's just that most of its intellectual history sounds like the life story of Rodney Dangerfield."

The Y chromosome probably didn't get much respect from your high school biology teacher. You did learn that chromosomes are the microscopic rods that hold genes. Chromosomes generally come in matched pairs, with one member of each pair from Mom and the other from Dad.

But men have one wildly mismatched pair, the X and the Y. The Y chromosome makes males. If you inherit it from your dad, you'll become a boy. If you get an X chromosome from Dad instead, you'll be a girl.

What else is there to say about the Y, this dinky chromosome with a paltry number of genes? Even now among scientists, Page concedes, beyond its sex-determining role "the general feeling is that it's at best a landfill."

But having studied it for about 20 years, Page sees it as more of a national park, full of unusual natural features.

"There's no doubt in my mind," he said, "that the Y will stand out as much as Yosemite and Yellowstone stand out from the landscape."

The sequencing of the Y is being overseen by Page and Robert Waterston and Rick Wilson of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The sequence will cover 20 million to 30 million of its 60 million building blocks, because the missing portion resists current sequencing technology and appears relatively inert anyway. Under scientific standards, the sequence will still be considered



Associated Press Photo

Y CHROMOSOME: David Page, of the Whitehead Institute, poses at his office with a working map of the Y chromosome in Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 20. Page is part of a team of scientists deciphering the

Y chromosome shrinking, only one third of X chromosome

CHROMOSOME, FROM PAGE 1

complete. The effort is part of the Human Genome Project, which seeks to reveal the 3 billion chemical building blocks that make up all 24 of the human chromosomes. Only two chromosomes have been completely sequenced so far by the project, which announced in June that it had finished a rough draft of all the human chromosomes.

Also this summer, Celera Genomics said it had sequenced all the human chromosomes, the collection called the human genome. But Celera shares its data only with paying clients. So for most scientists, data on the Y chromosome sequence will come from the efforts of Page, Waterston and Wilson.

The idea that men had their own chromosome was recognized in the early 1920s, and the Y was one of the first to be identifiable under a microscope. But while researchers could figure out what kinds of genes the X chromosome carried by studying generations of families, this approach failed spectacularly when applied to the Y.

Not that researchers didn't try. In the first half of the 20th century, there were lots of claims about physical traits that seemed to pass from father to son, and so seemed to arise from Y chromosome genes. Hairy earlobes and a particular kind of scaling called

porcupine skin were among them, Page noted.

But at a 1957 meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, the group's president stood up and demolished all the claims.

"That was sort of a defining moment in the intellectual history of the Y chromosome," Page said. "At the end of his talk, there were no genes left standing."

For decades after that, scientists regarded the Y as a wasteland, Page said. Yes, it carried some gene that determined gender in a fertilized egg, "but it was otherwise perceived to be ... the empty dance partner for the X chromosome in males."

That view has largely held on, even though evidence has emerged in the past three years that the chromosome carries at least two dozen genes or gene families. That's meager compared to maybe 2,000 or more genes on the X, Page concedes, but it shows the Y deserves more credit than it usually gets.

In fact, he said, the Y is unique for its degree of specialization. Nearly all its genes do one of just two things: help make sperm, or help cells do essential house-keeping tasks like build proteins. In addition, of course, there's the gene SRY, the master switch that turns on the boy-making machinery.

To understand today's Y chromosome, it helps to consider its evolution — both where it came

from and where it's going. That story is inextricably linked with the X.

"The story of the evolution of the sex chromosomes is as rich as any novel ever written," Page declares.

Here's the plot line that has emerged in just the past few years:

The ancestors of the human X and the Y were a pair of identical chromosomes. They were found some 300 million years ago in reptiles, long before mammals arose. Genes didn't decide sex on their own in these creatures. They responded to some environmental cue like temperature. That still goes on today in turtles and crocodiles.

But in a single animal, an odd thing happened. One of those sex genes became altered. As Page puts it, this mutated version became "a tyrannical male-determining gene that said, 'I will no longer respond to these environmental cues. If I am present, the male pathway will be followed.'"

This rogue gene made trouble for its chromosome because the other DNA in its immediate vicinity became altered. Later in evolution, this zone of alteration got bigger and bigger.

Normally, the pairs of identical chromosomes in people and other animals trade little bits of corresponding DNA back and forth. This reshuffles the genetic deck and helps species get rid of

harmful mutations.

But as that zone of altered DNA widened around the rogue gene, the chromosome was able to do less and less of this trading with its unaltered partner. As a result, the once-identical chromosomes grew more and more unlike over time. In fact, they eventually became the X and Y chromosomes.

This was a better deal for the X than the Y. Every female inherited two X chromosomes, just like today, so those two could carry out the DNA exchange normally. That left the X in good shape for the long haul.

But the Y chromosome never got a chance to pair up with another Y. Just like today, it kept being paired up with an X instead, in males. And as the X and Y chromosomes grew more dissimilar over time, that poor Y chromosome became less and less able to trade DNA with its partner.

The result? Genes on the Y began to suffer minor mutations they couldn't get rid of, and these nicks and scratches built up. "It's like the genes are being nicked-and-dimed to death," explained William R. Rice, who studies the Y chromosome at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Eventually, these genes simply stopped working. And once genes stop working, they tend to disappear. That's why the Y chromosome is only one-third the size of the X.

For a gene, Page notes, the Y chromosome is a very hard place to make a living.

And that's the threat to the Y's existence in the future. It's a toxic neighborhood. Will any genes survive? Even the master sex switch or the genes required for making sperm aren't guaranteed a free ride. If necessary, genes on other chromosomes might take over their jobs, leaving them free to slip into oblivion without taking the human race with them.

In fact, the Y chromosome has disappeared in hundreds of other species, Rice said.

But there is hope for this beleaguered chromosome: immigration.

Remember that trading between matched chromosome pairs? That isn't the only way DNA can move between chromosomes. Genes can also jump from one chromosome to a completely different one. And in the last few years scientists have discovered that during the last 30 million to 50 million years of primate evolution, the Y has been an alluring destination.

The immigrants are genes that are essential for making sperm. That makes sense, according to theory, because they would naturally accumulate on a chromosome that appears only in men, where they'd avoid any potential side effects from operating in women.

So, over the next 100 million years or so, the balance between



X AND Y CHROMOSOMES: Pictured is a normal karyotype of the x and y chromosomes. By this winter, the scientists hope to have worked out the DNA sequence of the Y chromosome, the identity of its DNA building blocks.

the death of Y chromosome genes and the arrival of new ones will decide if the Y chromosome sticks around.

"There's new stuff coming on all the time," Rice says. The Y is "not about to blink out."

But the Y has so few genes to justify its existence, he said, that "if we last long enough we will probably lose it."

Page isn't placing any bets. "The experiment is continuing," he said, "and its outcome is unpredictable."

LAPD criticized again after Halloween shooting inquiry

By Judy Lin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The police shooting of a Halloween party guest who had a fake gun has left the troubled Los Angeles Police Department in an unwanted spotlight and the victim's friends blaming racial profiling.

Actor Anthony Dwain Lee, 39, died at a Hollywood Hills mansion after he was shot several times by an officer who fired at him through a glass door about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Police say Lee had pointed what looked like a gun at Officer Tariel Hopper, and Hopper, who had arrived at the mansion in response to a neighbor's noise

complaint, fired in self defense.

"He had no way of knowing it was fake even though people were in costume," Los Angeles Police Department spokeswoman Charlotte Broughton said of the officer Sunday. "If you feel your life is threatened, you react in the way you were trained."

But Lee's friends said Sunday that the shooting was more than a mistake. Some planned to hold vigil Monday night in front of the police station where Hopper is stationed to protest the shooting.

"His biggest fear was getting killed by cops, because he's a tall black man," Mary Lin, a friend of the Lee's, told the Los Angeles Times.

A longtime friend of Lee's, Ramon McLane, said Lee had been a subject of racial profile before. "One time he was in our neighborhood convenience store and the cops handcuffed him and were rough with him. There had been a robbery but he didn't fit the description at all," McLane said.

It wasn't clear if Lee knew that Hopper, who is also black, was a policeman and not just another party guest in costume. Some at the party said other guests were wearing LAPD uniforms.

"This is so incredibly shocking that a person would be taken down like this," said Kirsten Blackburn, a friend of Lee's.

The police department and

District Attorney's office are both investigating the shooting.

The shooting comes as the LAPD is already struggling to recover from a widespread corruption scandal and accusations of civil rights abuses and police brutality.

Two other officers have faced criminal charges this year for shootings, District Attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said. Meanwhile, four police officers are currently on trial for allegedly framing gang members.

Broughton said she believes the public will realize the Lee shooting wasn't intentional or a case of police brutality.

"I think most people can

understand where we're coming from as far as what we have to do. We're risking our lives every day," she said.

Police said several hundred people were at the mansion early Saturday when Hopper and his partner arrived and began searching for the owner discuss the noise complaint. It wasn't clear Sunday who owned the mansion.

Broughton refused to say whether Hopper, a three-year veteran, shouted a warning before firing. She said she didn't know if Lee's toy gun had any brightly colored marks that would distinguish it from a real weapon.

One partygoer, Rick Hull, told

KTLL-TV in Los Angeles that he didn't hear the officers identify themselves before shooting.

Lee was an actor who had appeared in supporting TV and film roles, including on the programs "ER" and "NYPD Blue," and as the character Fred in the 1997 Jim Carrey comedy, "Liar Liar." Friends said he embraced Buddhism and spent his free time working with a youth organization.

He had been wearing a black sweat shirt, a black vest and tan pants, said county coroner's Lt. Dan Aikin. It was not immediately clear if he had a mask on.

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Boogedy, boogedy boo!

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PAGE 3 FEATURE

SUNDAY MORNING



MAVERICK AND GOOSE HAVING THAT LOVING FEELING?



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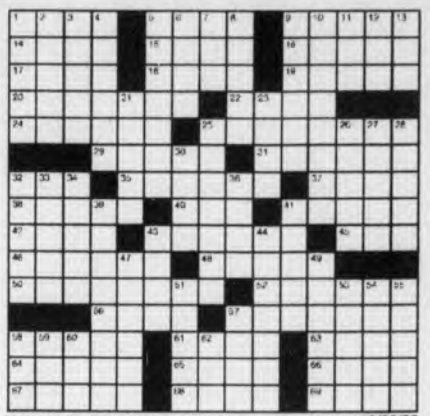
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EDDIE AND THE TRANSYLVANIAN "WHATSOEVER HAPPENED TO SATURDAY NIGHT?"

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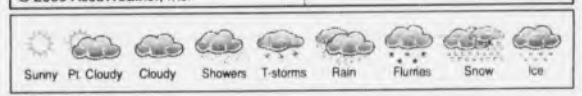
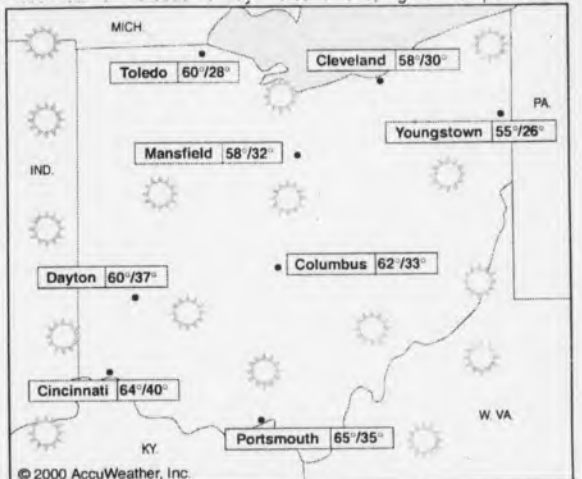
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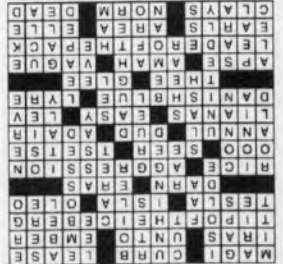
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KENTUCKY'S BLACKS: 'PULLED OVER MORE'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Black drivers are pulled over by Louisville Police at almost twice the rate of white drivers, a study published Sunday found. In a survey of more than 1,600 police reports over the past year, The Courier-Journal newspaper found that 44 percent of the drivers who were stopped and checked for warrants were black.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

'Pot' question could hit home

The marijuana question has been popping up more and more often lately, most importantly in the political arena, where our laws may be affected. Voters in the Western states — Colorado and Nevada in particular — are deciding their state's fate in terms of medical marijuana use, at least until the federal government steps in.

Already, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Maine and Hawaii have passed medical-marijuana measures, legalizing

pot only for 'legit' therapeutic benefits. With the exception of Maine, the legal activity has focused on the West Coast. But it's only a matter of time before the issue comes up on ballots in the Midwest.

As it is, politically addressing the issue of marijuana has been a long time coming. We believe it has become a mainstream drug — use and knowledge of pot has escalated in the media and in real life as of late. Drug use is increasingly part of children's

YOU DECIDE

Do you think marijuana will make it to our ballots? Should it? Let us know what you think at bgnews@list-proc.bgsu.edu.

lives, and definitely a part of the lives of adolescents and adults — if they don't use it, they most likely know someone who does.

Whether America's politicians and voters decide to legalize marijuana or not, its use and

impact on our citizens is undeniable.

We as a nation must be sure that we're educated on all sides of this issue — the medicinal benefits as well as the dangers of legalizing a drug considered 'dangerous' to our youth and the mission of the War on Drugs.

Not until both sides are fully examined — with an open mind — can we be sure that the issue of marijuana will be handled with wisdom.

We hope that marijuana will make it to Ohio's ballots, and the ballots of other Midwestern and East Coast states, so that the American public can make an informed decision and tell our government what it is we want.

It's time we had the chance to formally state to our federal government what we, the people, the citizens, the ones who are using, abusing or condemning marijuana, to give our consent to the future of this plant.

We don't have the opportunity

to vote on this issue yet. It's not up to us — yet — to decide if growing marijuana should be legal, or if using it to alleviate medical symptoms should be legal, or if legalizing it would create a 'drug culture' for the next generation. Not yet.

But that time may come for Ohio yet, and we as voters should be knowledgeable about this. We need to know our limitations and our rights — and be prepared to act according to our consciences when or if the opportunity arises.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students help ruin the environment

Most people don't realize that every day they are playing an integral part in ruining the environment. On campus dining halls promote the use of non-biodegradable polystyrene, or styrofoam, containers which contaminate the environment and have the ability to create harmful effects on human health.

Here are some facts one might not know about styrofoam:

- Polystyrene contains benzene, a known carcinogen.
- Fatty food, like noodles, can absorb chemicals found in polystyrene and upon entering the

body, may impair the reproductive system through hormone disruption.

— Styrene, used to make polystyrene plastic, is known to indiscriminately attack tissue and the nervous system.

— Absorbed through lungs, skin, and intestines, styrene bio-transforms into a carcinogen and a mutagenic compound.

— Polystyrene foam is completely non-biodegradable. Even 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill.

— Materials in polystyrene deplete the ozone layer. So why are we still using styrofoam food containers in the dining halls? Help prevent health problems and environmental desecration and ask for paper next time you

eat!

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Saturday was "Make a Difference Day." What have you done to make a difference?



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"I took my nephew trick-or-treating."



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"I took my friend to the hospital. He had alcohol poisoning."

Workers shouldn't need a degree

AT ISSUE Why is a college education necessary to get a good job?

Inasmuch as people (parents, educators, employers, guidance counselors) tell us that a college education is necessary in this day and age to get anywhere, I'm curious as to whether or not that is actually true.

In fact, it would seem that rather than being for our benefit, the educational system as it is, is more detrimental. The higher education system today is the composite of two diametrically opposed educational methodologies: The first is the idea of a "technical school," designed to replace the apprenticeships of days gone by and primarily concerned with the teaching of a skill. The sciences, math, and business training can all be thrown into this type of school. The second is the university model as appropriated by those redbrick institutions of Europe, designed by and for the aristocracy in an attempt to educate their successors in proper ways to be human beings, hence the idea of the humanities.

When these two systems were blended together to give us the composite that we have now, those students who simply required a "technical" education had to make concessions to exist on the same campus as those students more concerned with the more abstract humanities; suddenly engineers had to learn how to read a novel. There is nothing wrong with this, in fact I think it's quite good, but it takes time and it costs money. And in this we can see why the system is the way it is.

The University just wants to make money off of you.

The institution is not concerned about your education at all, and there is ample proof. First of all, in any educational system, intimacy is a necessary element, and when class sizes are 30+ students, intimacy goes out the window — the open discussion is less viable than the lecture and as such joins intimacy outdoors. Furthermore, one humanities course is hardly an education; it is simply an introduction. If the system wanted its students educated it would require them to take far more than one or two classes, and it's rather surprising that it hasn't adopted this rationale in order to simply make more money.

When the institution only requires its students, you, to take one or two classes out of your field, it's obvious that it is simply a moneymaking tactic. Not to say

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that the money doesn't need to be made; it does. When there are more business majors than literature majors, someone has to pay the bills to help the scholars in the literature department to continue their research and the tutelage of those students who refuse to be business majors. So the University requires you to take a class that probably won't do you any good, not due to the instructor but because so little can be affected in a single semester, and makes some money while robbing you of some time.

And time is what a college degree is all about. Regardless of the dogmatic speeches that our elders make regarding the "need" for a piece of paper and an extra inch of written matter on resumes, the process now takes four or five years out of your life and rewards you with debt and a pat on the back.

Wouldn't those people wanting a technical education be better off entering the real world as soon as possible, i.e. immediately after high school? What can the University instill in a student that the business world couldn't? Give me a business major, or a computer science major, or an electrical engineering major, after her or his college training and compare this student to a person who has been in the field for the same amount of time (this has to be theoretical since the business of the world requires people to go to school so that they can help the wheels of the capitalist machine in American keep spinning), and I'll show you the benefit of the old idea of apprenticeships. I guarantee that the apprentice knows twice as much as the "educated" student, and that the little liberal education that the university student received amounted to very little of a difference.

But what can you do? Universities need to continue to make money and so do the banks and governments that provide the money for student loans, so they will continue to perpetuate the myth that a college degree is needed. And in exchange, another generation of students learn nothing.

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Corporate mergers bad for consumers

Consumers pay a high price for convenience in today's economy. Megastores. Monstrous, sprawling, land devouring juggernauts.

They are trampling the landscape like a raging Colorado River, without any regard of who or what they crush in their wake.

As a consumer, in what was once a free-market economy, I feel shackled by the lack of options given to me after the great American economic homogenization.

What can Americans do? These stores offer top-quality merchandise at low, low prices. How could any American not want that?

If this trend continues, when Americans walk down busy streets, they will see nothing but Wal-Mart Superstores, Blockbuster Videos, Barnes and Noble bookstores and Starbucks Coffee shops.

During the summer, I prostituted my services out to a small, up-and-coming electronic store called Gamestop, now Gamestop.com. The business was fairly new and already had locations across Texas. When I got the job, I found out the store was owned by Babbages, the same company that owned Barnes and Noble.

At the time, I thought nothing of it because the store I worked at offered the lowest prices on products I bought frequently. What better place to go than the small

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U-Wire columnist

chain with the lowest prices?

After a while I found out Babbages, in the name of healthy competition, was going to buy out Funcoland, the company's biggest competition other than Electronics Boutique.

That's how businesses grow. What's wrong with that? As soon as the merger was complete, that same day, Gamestop raised all of its prices to match Funcoland's. I was confused. I thought since the company bought out some competition, it would not change. Yes, it is okay for all you business majors to laugh now.

The gamers of the world were then deprived of the lowest prices on what are already very expensive products, all in the name of good business. Thus, the point of having the lowest prices is only a cheap ploy to swing business so you can buy out the competition at a lower price.

Is anyone else sick to their stomach?

The trend by no means began or stops here. What about the recent closing of General Cinema theaters? Think it had anything to do with the growing chain of multiscreen theaters such as

Tinseltown, owned by Cinemark? Why bother to see a movie in an eight-screen theater when you can go to one with 20 or maybe 100 screens?

What does the future hold for American business?

Americans are doomed to see this trend escalate because they are powerless to stop it. At one time, I would have just boycotted all of these companies showing trends of consumer domination. Now, however, we can't even do that because these stores are on every corner of Anywhere, America, and we can't escape their clutches. If you want coffee, you can drive to Denton or Dallas where the last remnants of individually owned cafés exist, or just drive two minutes to Starbucks.

Which is easier? When Americans want to rent a movie, they can drive to Hollywood Video or just go to the Blockbuster Video around the corner. Americans are doomed as consumers because they want the largest selection at low prices, but they didn't anticipate that companies would give them what they wanted to this degree.

Free enterprise is all but non-existent, and Americans can't do anything because they asked for it.

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NAVY PILOTS SURVIVE MIDAIR COLLISION

RENO, Nev. — Two Navy jets collided during a training mission, forcing one pilot to eject and parachute to the ground. Both pilots escaped serious injury. One plane crashed after its pilot, Lt. Cam Hansen, ejected. The other pilot, Lt. Joe Krasinski, was able to land.

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NATION

Water rises again in flooded Arizona town

By Joel Eskovitz
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WENDEN, Ariz. — Less than a week after flash flooding submerged cars and homes and caused millions of dollars in damage, a new storm left residents wading through muddy streets again on Saturday.

More than an inch of rain fell in the region Friday and Saturday, and water pouring into Wenden from higher elevations left some streets under four feet of water.

The entire town of 1,200 was evacuated early Saturday.

"It's a little different scenario this time," said emergency services spokeswoman Ruthanne Gilbert. "Everyone's pretty much prepared and calm."

By Saturday afternoon, the water level in Wenden had stabi-

lized and residents were allowed to survey the damage, Gilbert said.

Amy Vannier and his wife had just spent three days scrubbing out their home, ripping up carpet and moving furniture outside to dry. The new flooding wiped out all their effort.

"It's worse than what it was the other day. We didn't have water like this running through the streets," Vannier said. "I'm not going to clean it any more. That last time was the hardest thing I've ever done."

In nearby Aguila, a town of about 400, as much as three feet of water flooded some homes. "The water in the town has subsided but everybody is left in a big mess of mud," said Barbara Smith, a member of the Aguila

Fire Department.

The flooding in Wenden, 90 miles west of Phoenix, began Oct. 21 when rain swept down the normally dry Centennial Wash, a river bed which flows with water during storms. National Guard officials said several levees in the wash were broken by the flooding.

Wenden usually gets about one-half inch of rain in the entire month of October. Last weekend, it was hit with 1.2 inches of rain, and on Friday and Saturday, a little over an inch fell again in the region, according to the National Weather Service. Because of the desert terrain, the water doesn't soak into the ground.

Preliminary estimates from the earlier flooding put the damage at \$7.8 million.



FLOOD: Rafael Val de Negro surveys the damage to his small room Saturday, Oct. 28, in Aguila, Ariz., after floodwaters receded. Over 100 residents were evacuated from the western Arizona town in the middle of the night after several dikes flooded the town.



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CONFLICT IN THE CONGREGATION: Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention raise red cards to vote in favor of revisions to the Baptist Faith and Message in Orlando, Fla., June 14.

Theological conflict in largest Protestant group nears climax

By Richard N. Ostling
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Is America's largest Protestant denomination unraveling?

Two decades after strict biblical conservatives began winning control of the Southern Baptist Convention and four months after they reworked the doctrinal platform, it's beginning to look that way.

One congregation after another has voted to halt financial support or leave the Southern Baptists altogether.

At heart, this uncivil war is theological. Denominational leaders say the Bible is "inerrant," perfect in historical detail as well as spiritual teaching, and insist that those who work at Southern Baptist institutions uphold this. Their "moderate" opponents say Baptists do not believe in imposed creeds, and there should be more leeway in biblical interpretation. Subsidiary disputes involve abortion, homosexuality, politics, women and much else.

The climax could occur Monday if there's a declaration of semi-independence from the Baptist General Convention of

Texas, which accounts for 13 percent of denominational funding and 17 percent of the Southern Baptists' membership of 15.9 million.

Proposals to the meeting in Corpus Christi would undermine the 75-year-old "Cooperative Program" that funds the denomination, slashing support to Southern Baptist Convention seminaries next year by \$4 million, and to headquarters agencies in Nashville, Tenn., by \$1 million. Money would flow instead to favored schools and causes within Texas.

That would virtually de-fund five of the six SBC seminaries. The sixth is the largest in the world, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, which faces an \$800,000 hit even though its students include 1,368 Texans.

Another measure at Corpus Christi could threaten the denomination in a different way.

It would open the Baptist General Convention of Texas to full participation by Baptists in other states. Proponent David Currie of Texas Baptists Committed says that would merely provide "safe haven" for

unhappy congregations. But others think the Texas convention might eventually become a multi-state denomination, rivaling the Southern Baptists.

Currie's organization, which has worked for years to uncouple Texas from the Southern Baptist Convention, has helped plant similar groups of self-identified "mainstream" or "moderate" Baptists in 13 other states.

Four Texas activists have incorporated a Baptist Convention of the Americas on paper, in case a new denomination is needed.

One of the four, retired Sysco Corp. chairman John F. Baugh of Houston, says that might not happen, but "something will be formed. We cannot in good conscience participate in activities of the fundamentalist faction in control of the SBC."

Within Texas there are already two statewide conventions, the one meeting in Corpus Christi and the competing Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, which has enlisted 419 congregations since 1998. That group supports the national denomination and its commitment to Bible inerrancy. Virginia also has two competing conventions.

GOP drops USS Cole reference

By Frank Ertman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The state Republican Committee said Sunday it had stopped calling voters with a phone message linking Hillary Rodham Clinton to the bombing of the USS Cole.

The message had said Senate candidate Clinton took money from a group that supports the type of terrorism responsible for the Oct. 12 blast on the U.S. destroyer which killed 17 sailors and injured 39 others.

Clinton lashed out at Republican opponent Rep. Rick Lazio after learning about the message Saturday, saying he and the party should apologize to the

Cole victims' families.

Dan Allen, a state GOP spokesman, said the calls that started Thursday weren't stopped because of Clinton's criticism but because the GOP had reached everyone in its target group.

"We called as many people as we were going to call with that message," Allen said. "We're done with it."

He said he did not know how many calls were made, but he said Republicans were still telling voters Clinton accepted money from an organization linked to terrorism.

The Clinton campaign last week returned \$50,000 from a Boston fund-raiser after learning

it had been sponsored by a group that supports the Palestinian organization Hamas. The campaign denied knowing the group was involved with the fund-raiser.

Lazio said Sunday that the Clinton campaign was "desperately trying to change the subject from the fact they received donations and Mrs. Clinton attended a fund-raiser involving people that were supportive of the idea of using violence."

Clinton said: "They were embarrassed to have this discovered. Clearly it was something they were trying to do below the radar screen."

In 1848, the Declaration of Sentiments was written at the Seneca Falls Convention in New York. This convention was vital in the women's suffrage movement. These signatures are a reminder that women's right to vote is available because of the dedication and persistence of these individuals.

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Youngsters making waves with MP3 songs

By Ron Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Move over, Britney. Backstreet Boys, make way. Loud songs by some little rascals are making waves on the Internet these days.

The Anne Darling Elementary School Tech Club's star has been rising since the third, fourth and fifth graders posted their own music CD and two homespun videos on the Web for public consumption.

The kids — who got together thanks to an after-school club started last year — have found a hungry audience for their original songs about spiders, rock-throwing and cafeteria food.

They receive a healthy dose of fan attention, too, in the form of several e-mails a day from strangers and 1,000-plus hits each month to their site on MP3.com, an online music listening service.

So popular are their Internet hits "Girls Rule" and "I Ain't Throwin' No Rock" that they've earned more than \$650 from MP3.com, fees for when people listen to or download a computer file of their material.

And on Monday, the club garnered an additional \$30,000 award from National Semiconductor for its school.

Club members may not be living the platinum record life yet — but they are walking the cutting edge.

"It's fun because we're singing songs and stuff like that and we get to pretend we're famous," said fifth grader David Medeiros.

The after-school program began last year with the goal of bringing Internet access to all classroom computers. But the club's popularity soon blossomed — an online student poll found computers tied for recess and art in popularity at the school.

Naturally, creating pop songs wasn't far behind. Can they sing? Sure they can sing, and loud. "Tastes so rude, sausage and mush, green fishsticks!" begins the song "Cafeteria," for which they were recently awarded the Scholastic Britney Spears song contest, according to the kids' school Web site. "No, no, no, no," gurgles another student in an ode to stones. Rhyming lyrics play second fiddle to volume and enthusiasm on tech club tunes while club Director Richard Soos provided bouncy, computer-generated background music.



PRE-TEEN POP: Anne Darling Elementary School teacher Richard Soos with his technology club students Sandra Corneia, 9, and David Medeiros, 10, as they design graphics for a CD cover they are producing in San Jose, Calif. The Anne Darling technology club is climbing the Internet music chart with their MP3 songs about rocks, spiders and eating cafeteria food.



TRACKING: The Palm VII is shown at the Internet World Conference in New York Oct. 25. Handheld devices will soon have tracking abilities.

Internet tracking devices raise concerns

By Anick Joudaman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Enter location tracking coming to a mobile device near you. Features that one day can pinpoint your whereabouts to within the length of a football field raise enormous privacy concerns, but they also offer enormous benefits.

The challenge will be determining where to draw the line.

Consider a technology to be unveiled Monday. Called Digital Angel, a microchip worn close to the body promises to record a person's biological parameters and send distress signals during medical emergencies.

But misused, these types of capabilities could amount to virtual stalking.

Cell phones, handheld devices, even car navigation systems will soon have detailed tracking abilities, if they do not already. Services could begin appearing within a year or so.

Much of the drive will come from a federal law that requires cell phones to identify callers' locations to speed 911 emergency responses. If the industry has to install expensive equipment anyway, why not use it also to make money?

"There's going to be a dramatic increase in the amount of tracking that's made possible, in part by services they don't know they have," said Daniel J. Weitzner of the World Wide Web Consortium, which sets technical standards for the Web.

Such tracking will let someone visit a Web site and automatically get weather, movie showings, or neighborhood restaurants, based on their current location. If they're lost, they will be able to ask for turn-by-turn directions. Those short of cash can be pointed to the nearest bank machine.

But if the information is stored, location tracking could result in a 24-hour-a-day record of a person's whereabouts.

"You have to ask, 'Who gets how much information?'" said Jason Catlett, chief executive of Junkbusters Corp., a non-profit privacy monitoring group in Green Brook, N.J.

"Telephone records are routinely subpoenaed. They can be very intrusive, but far more intrusive is a complete log of your physical movement."

But companies looking to gain business from location tracking insist that the worst-case scenarios presented are impractical to implement in reality.

Striking Philadelphia teachers resume talks

By Dan Rehrich
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — School negotiators resumed talks with striking teachers on Sunday, hoping to end a walkout before Monday when more than 210,000 students could be left without classes to attend.

Thousands of teachers in the nation's seventh-largest school district went on strike at the end of the school day Friday after the two sides failed to reach a contract agreement. Union leaders met with Mayor John F. Street for several hours Saturday.

"I cannot in all good conscience say we made a lot of progress, but we're talking," Street said.

Negotiators for the two sides met again Sunday afternoon to try to resolve their differences, particularly a dispute over how much time should be added to the school day without additional pay for teachers.

Under the contract that expired Sept. 1, the school day was set at 6 1/2 hours. Street wanted to extend that by one hour beginning next year to bring the city's class time in line with the state average, but the teachers' union balked. Teachers have since agreed to an additional 30 minutes, but Street wants at least 45 minutes.

Street's proposal also includes

an 18.1 percent raise over five years. Salaries in the district now start at \$31,344, and top pay after 11 years is \$50,000 annually, after which teachers receive an annual percentage increase.

The district requested federal help last week, but Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of an appropriations subcommittee that doles out money for education, said Sunday that Philadelphia schools would have a tough time getting more federal money.

"That's frankly tough, because you have school strikes all over the country," the Pennsylvania Republican said, adding that he could not favor one district over others.

Philadelphia Federation of Teachers President Ted Kirsch said he was angry that city officials told reporters about Saturday's meeting and feared the city was trying to put him in an awkward position. City officials came with suitcases and checked into the hotel, he said, adding that he was never told they expected negotiations to continue for so long.

Pennsylvania allows teachers to strike, but that right is limited by a law that says students must be able to complete 180 days of class time by June 30.

Union officials have said that would allow a strike up to 5 1/2 weeks.

LAPD trial: With star witness out, charges may not stick

By Linda Newsch
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — It was supposed to have been a showcase trial exposing Los Angeles police corruption, the worst scandal in department history.

But prosecutors are set to rest their case Monday without calling the star witness, leaving a case hinging on gang members and stonewalling police witnesses.

Lawyers for four police officers charged with framing gang members plan to ask the judge to dismiss charges. They say the two-week trial has produced no credible evidence against the members of the elite Rampart gang-fighting team.

Former officer Rafael Perez ignited the largest scandal in the LAPD last year when he told investigators he and other officers routinely lied, planted evidence, framed and even shot gang members in the rough neighborhood west of downtown.

Perez began talking to detectives in exchange for a lenient sentence after he pleaded guilty to stealing cocaine from an evidence room.

Since then, more than 100 convictions have been overturned, and the scandal is likely to cost the city \$125 million in damage settlements for the wrongly convicted.

But on Thursday, prosecutors said they would rest their case against four officers without calling their star as a witness.

"We are resting on Monday," district attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said. "Perez will not be called. But the trial is not over. There's always rebuttal."

Perez's role as witness was compromised by recent murder allegations lodged against him by a former girlfriend. His lawyer said he would refuse to testify unless he received immunity from those allegations.

While legal experts express astonishment at how thin the case has turned out, defense team members say they are not surprised, just outraged.

"What you have seen is what they always had," said lead defense attorney Barry Levin. "It's not that they were unprepared. It's that for political reasons they took four innocent people and subjected them to the potential loss of their liberty. No way do they have evidence to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

Prosecutors have refused to respond to such comments and refuse to discuss the case with reporters.

"The case unraveled before their eyes, if they ever had a case ready," said Loyola Law School Professor Laurie Levenson, a former prosecutor. "If the prosecution gets a hung jury they might consider it a victory."

In two weeks of testimony, prosecutors presented a parade of gang members with credibility

problems and police officers who seemed to have collective amnesia. There were a few civilian witnesses whose memory of events was as bad as that of the officers.

Those who witnessed events wound up being uncertain of what they saw and heard. Were two police officers hit by a truck in an alley? Did the police plant a gun during a gang confrontation in a parking lot? Was a gang member's hand involuntarily rubbed on a gun to plant fingerprints? Was an unloaded gun loaded by an officer to frame a gang member? Testimony was largely inconclusive.

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GERMANS PROTEST AGAINST NEO-NAZIS

DUESSELDORF, Germany — More than 30,000 people demonstrated against neo-Nazis in Germany on Saturday, drawing praise from a Jewish leader who said the nation is increasingly standing up against rising hate crimes. The rallies were a reply to what turned out to be much smaller neo-Nazi marches in both cities.

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REFUGEE: A Colombian refugee family that fled the violence in the Putumayo shares a mattress in Lago Agria, in Ecuador, about 15 miles from the Colombian border Oct. 26. Hundreds of Colombians have left the Putumayo, Colombia's principle coca growing region, in the past month since the FARC have been trying to force out right-wing paramilitary forces from the region.

Civilians caught in war for coca fields

By Andrew Selsky
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ISIDRO, Colombia — At almost any sudden noise, the children in Adielia Vela's class give a startled jump. Eyes dart through windows to a band of right-wing militiamen whose weapons are trained down the road.

Leftist rebels are only about a mile away, manning their own outpost on the rutted dirt track.

This is the front line in the battle for the heart of the world's cocaine-producing industry. And not only are civilians caught in the cross fire, they are also now enduring a rebel blockade.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — the largest of the leftist rebel groups that have been fighting the government and right-wing paramilitaries for years in a bloody civil war — imposed the armed shutdown five weeks ago. Most of the world's coca, from which cocaine is made, is grown in southern Colombia's Putumayo state, and the rebel group launched the shutdown to protest a planned U.S.-backed offensive to stamp out the drug trade here.

The FARC rebels have banned vehicles from traveling between towns in all but the limited areas under the control of the army or the rightist paramilitary United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, known as the AUC. Violators can be killed or have their cars set ablaze.

The rebels are also waging a sabotage campaign that has cut electricity to major towns and sent the local oil industry up in

flames.

"It's getting serious around here," local farmer Adolfo Mina said as he walked past an oil pipeline the rebels had set ablaze minutes earlier. Flames shot more than 100 feet into the air, producing a plume of black smoke that towered over the landscape of jungle, coca fields and cattle pastures.

The rebels have threatened to maintain the armed shutdown until President Andres Pastrana revamps his Plan Colombia, the initiative that calls for U.S.-trained army troops to seize the coca fields. The United States recently approved \$1.3 billion to support Plan Colombia with military training and hardware, including dozens of combat helicopters.

"Our ideology is to defend the worker, the common man. If they want to work the coca, then they should be permitted to do so," explained a rebel, wearing a camouflage uniform and a black FARC neckerchief, as he guarded a rural road.

There is also a financial motive: The FARC and the AUC are getting rich by taxing cocaine producers.

The AUC, which arrived in Putumayo a year ago from northwest Colombia, now controls several towns and is pushing further into FARC territory.

Every day, civilians sweat through AUC roadblocks. The paramilitary gunmen click safeties off assault rifles, ready to haul away anyone believed to be a rebel partisan.

AUC graffiti on a house in San Isidro, a little village on the front lines, clearly spells out the threat: "Death to guerrilla informants."

The AUC, which is backed by many Colombian landowners, sprang up to counter the spread of the leftist rebel groups. The government acknowledges there are some unofficial links between the military and the AUC but says it is acting to sever those ties, and has fired several generals who allegedly supported AUC operations.

Some paramilitary gunmen here this week wore Colombian army shirts — with the insignia of anti-guerrilla battalions — over their black AUC T-shirts, and proudly identified themselves as former government soldiers. One even sported a patch of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and said he had received training from the outfit when he was in the service.

A group of Rambo-like AUC fighters stood outside the cement one-room schoolhouse in San Isidro as the young students tried to concentrate on their studies.

"The kids get jumpy. You can see they're stressed," Vela, their teacher, said later. "They're terrified that shooting will break out at any minute."

Meanwhile, the effects of the rebel blockade are being felt across Putumayo.

Hospitals are running critically short of supplies. Store shelves are running bare, although some goods make it to a few shops at three or more times the normal price. More goods from nearby

Ecuador are also being smuggled across jungle rivers that define the border.

Terrified Colombians are heading the other way. Thousands have fled to Ecuador since September, according to relief agencies.

"With the paramilitaries and the FARC fighting for territory, anyone can wind up getting shot — either in the cross fire or after being accused of collaborating with the other side," said a man who recently fled across the border.

The man, who didn't want to be identified for security reasons, was staying at a preschool in Lago Agrio, Ecuador, with 40 other refugees. Almost 600 refugees have registered with the Lago Agrio church, which is working with a United Nations agency to help the refugees.

"They've left everything behind — their farms, animals and most of their possessions," said the local priest, the Rev. Edgar Pinos.

Meanwhile, other families are trying to flee Putumayo on one of the infrequent military evacuation flights. More than a 100 people stood outside the region's airport, in Puerto Asis, on a recent day.

"We are suffering the consequences of a war that has nothing to do with us," said Dagoberto Rojas as he waited for a flight. "Here, we are caught between the bullets."

Thai monks had sexual escapades

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK, Thailand — A Buddhist abbot defrocked and detained for misconduct has told the police that more than 10 other monks had sexual escapades while masquerading as military officers, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Police have taken the allegations by Wanchai Oonsap seriously and are investigating the other monks, the Nation newspaper said, quoting Col. Thawee Sodsong, the commander of the police Crime Suppression Division. Police were not immediately available for comment.

If proved, Wanchai's allegations will further erode the faith among people in the Thai Buddhist clergy, which has traditionally been held in high esteem in this predominantly Buddhist country.

Wanchai, known by his clerical name Thammathorn Wanchai before being expelled from the clergy, was arrested Wednesday in a fake army colonel's uniform while driving a Mercedes Benz.

A search of his secret residence later revealed pornographic magazines and videos, women's underwear and alcohol.

Thailand's monks have come under scrutiny for frequent sexual and financial misconduct in the last few years. They became the butt of ridicule earlier this month after two monks were defrocked for allegedly frequenting a karaoke bar wearing wigs to hide their shaved heads.

Buddhist monks are required to live a life of celibacy and abstinence and practice poverty in the path to enlightenment.

Wanchai, the abbot of a provincial temple outside Bangkok, had apparently been living a good life in violation of his monastic vows for a long time, the Bangkok Post newspaper said.

He was caught after an undercover operation in which ITV, a national television network, kept him under surveillance for two days and videotaped his activities that included receiving two women at his secret residence. The women spent two nights in the apartment, police and ITV said.

Wanchai, 43, faces a maximum five years in jail for posing as a military officer.

If convicted of having sex while being in the monastic community, Wanchai would be permanently banished from temple life, the Nation said.

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BRIEFING**

White beats Orange

White team member Keith McLeod scored 22 points and Brandon Pardon added 15 in the White's 59-46 win over the Orange team Sunday night.

Pardon and McLeod combined to hit 7-7 from three-point land.

For the Orange team, Len Matela hit for 17 points and Kevin Netted dropped in 13.

**Volleyball
beats UA,
loses at
KSU Sat.**

By Nick Hurm
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Entering the weekend, the BG volleyball team was still searching for their first Mid-American Conference win.

The Falcons were slated to have two more opportunities to pick up their first victory on the road with games against Kent State and Akron. While the Falcons failed to pick up that first road win against Kent, BG finally celebrated on the bus ride home from Akron.

The Falcons (14-8 overall, 7-6 in the MAC) defeated Akron in four sets (15-8, 15-6, 16-14, 15-5) and more importantly still hold sole possession of second place in the Eastern Division behind Ohio. BG is 2.5 games back of the Bobcats for the division lead.

"We're playing for seeding now," said junior middle-hitter Katy Rommeck. "We can't just rely on other teams to lose. We have to play for ourselves."

The last time BG and Kent played each other at Anderson Arena, the Falcons put up better numbers and won the match. It wasn't the same case though at Kent. Despite holding the advantage in kills, digs, hitting percentage and blocks, the Falcons managed to lose.

It was a constant up and down game for BG. The Golden Flashes watched the Falcons shoot themselves in the foot during the match as BG fell 8-15, 15-5, 11-15, 15-3, 9-15. Many of KSU's points came from BG hitting errors. As a

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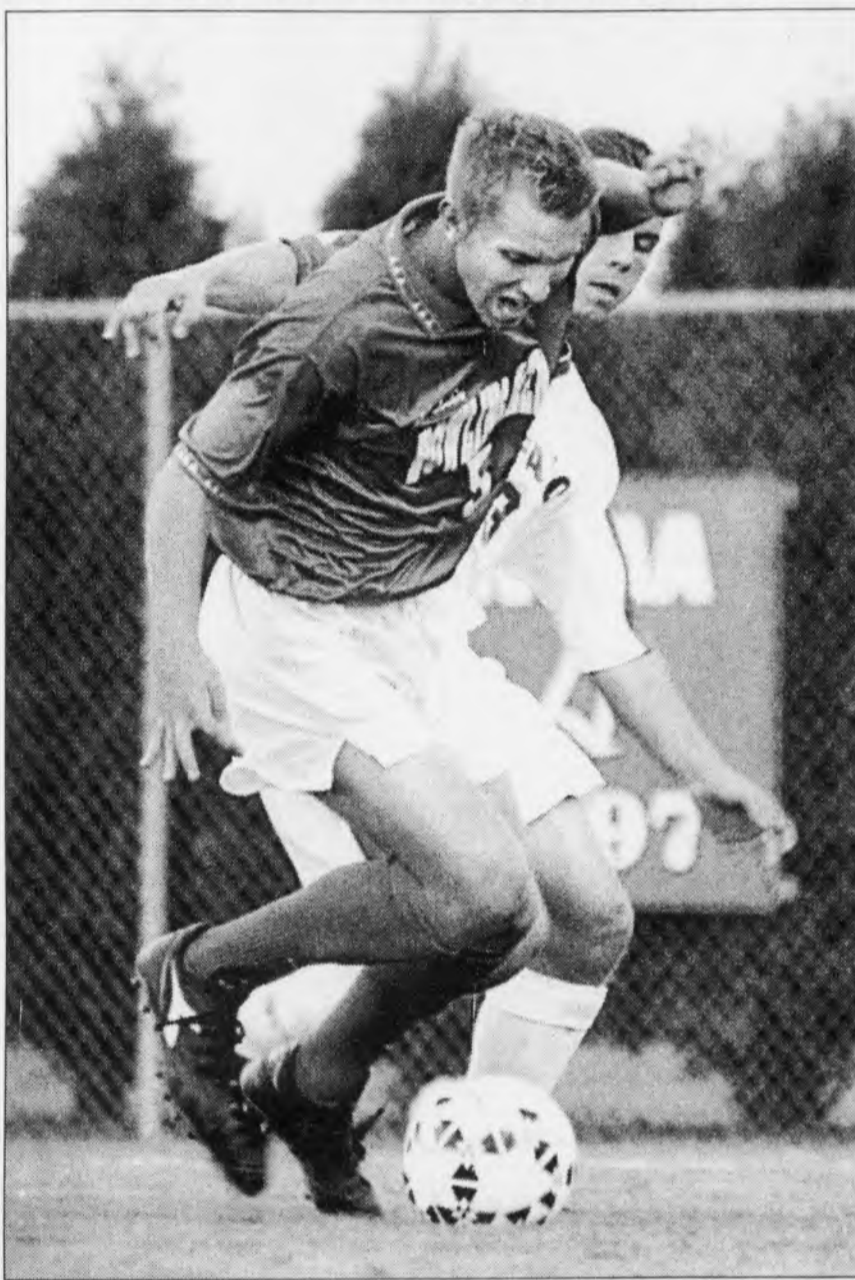
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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BG captures conference title

The Brown and Orange get a first round bye in the MAC tournament



Michael Lehmkuhle BG News

MAC CHAMPS: Falcon defenseman Adam Erhard battles with a Buffalo opponent Friday afternoon.

By Derek McCord
STAFF WRITER

The chance of to win the Mid-American Conference title was small for Bowling Green men's soccer team going into this weekend.

The Falcons turned that chance into reality with a 2-1 victory over Akron Sunday and a 3-0 win over Buffalo Friday, thus earning the number one seed and a bye in the MAC Tournament.

Freshman defender P.J. Behan scored the match-winning goal in the 52nd minute when he picked up a loose ball at the top of the penalty box, got by Zip defender Troy Schmidt and took a shot that hit an Akron player and went into the top of the net.

"It does not even feel like I scored," Behan said. "It's crazy, we had to win this game. They were pressuring us the whole game and fortunately, we got the win."

The goal was the rookie's second of the season while senior Fred Degand was credited with the assist.

The Falcons drew first blood in the physical match when senior Matt Lyons scored his second goal of the weekend in the seventh minute. Senior Gene Braxton set the goal up by sprinting down the left sideline, beating an Akron defender and crossing the ball to Lyons. Lyons, who was making a run to the near post, headed the ball to the far corner of the net.

One of the problems that Lyons had to contend with throughout the afternoon was the condition of the field after hosting four matches in three days.

"The field was absolutely terrible," Lyons said. "The footing was horrible and it really frustrated us. Personally every time I tried to cut, I fell on the ground; it was just too soft."

Akron's lone goal was scored by their leading scorer Orjan Bajanes. The Norwegian picked up a rebound after Pat Beattie

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P.J. BEHAN, FRESHMAN

shot at the far post and slammed it home in the 14th minute.

"We did what we needed to do to win the game," said BG coach Mel Mahler. "We played a lot of defense after the second goal, but that was how the game developed. Akron pushed every body forward, but we stayed organized and composed. I am very happy for the guys because they played their positions, played their role, and they executed; that was the ball game. It was not the perfect soccer match for us, but pretty close."

After a scoreless first half, the Falcons turned it up a notch to score three goals in the last 45 minutes.

Detrick Matthews was given the match-winning goal when he slid the ball past Bull goalkeeper Brian Wozniak in the 62nd minute. Lyons was credited with the assist.

Braxton ran nearly half the pitch with the ball to net the second BG goal of the match in the 83rd minute after receiving a pass from Lyons.

Finally, in the closing seconds of the 90th minute, Lyons was rewarded with a goal of his own with the help of Degand to give him a four point effort on the afternoon.

"It feels good to score," Lyons said. "I have not scored in a while and needed a goal to get off the

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Falcons win, tie with Fairbanks

By Derek McCord
STAFF WRITER

Relief was the emotion that echoed throughout the BG hockey locker room after winning their first game of the season.

Friday night saw a team that was hungry for a win after suffering four consecutive losses by the hands of Alabama-Huntsville and Michigan. Against winless Alaska-Fairbanks, the Falcons came out and scored two power play goals (see attached story) and had their biggest offensive production of the year in a 4-2 victory.

"Getting the first win tonight and two points takes the heat off of a lot of guys," said BG coach Buddy Powers. "Everybody feels pressure and you want to win. I think that we played a solid game tonight."

After the score being knotted at zero at the end of the first period, Nanook Jim Lawrence opened the scoring on the power play when he deflected fellow teammate Bobby Andrews shot with the shaft of his stick 40 seconds into the second period.

The Falcons countered with Greg Day scoring his fourth goal in two games off a Randy McKay rebound at the 11:40 mark of the second. Falcon defenseman Grady Moore fol-



Michael Lehmkuhle BG News

FIRST WIN: BG junior defenseman Marc Barlow flips the puck in the air against Alaska-Fairbanks Saturday. The game was tied 1-1.

Two Falcon power play goals in game one help BG earn its first win of the year.

By Dorothy Wrona
STAFF WRITER

Early in the season, the Falcon hockey team has been struggling with its power play.

In Saturday's game, the Falcons had a one-man advantage in the second period. D'Arcy McConvey, Ryan Murphy and Grady Moore surrounded Alaska-Fairbanks' net and passed the puck among themselves. BG fans, expecting a Falcon goal, became frustrated and began to chant, "Shoot! Shoot! Shoot!"

That power play ended with a penalty kill for Alaska-Fairbanks.

A team's power play is an important part of its special teams and is one of the areas in which the Falcon hockey team has been struggling this season.

Coming into this past weekend's home series against Alaska-Fairbanks, BG had only scored once in 10 times with the one-man advantage.

In a competitive league such as the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, a team's power play can literally determine its standing in the conference.

"Any team that's successful in the league will have a good power play," said Falcons coach Buddy Powers.

**Soccer
splits,
ends
regular
season**

By Erik Cassano
STAFF WRITER

The BG women's soccer team said goodbye to their first class of graduating seniors yesterday, honoring them with a ceremony prior to their home finale vs. Michigan State.

"I think this weekend was really special, teammates made it really special, having my sister on the team made it special," said senior Ashley Enser, whose sister, freshman Lindsay Enser, also plays for BG.

Along with Enser, fellow seniors Leslie Buse, Jamie Eshleman, Autumn Harris, Stephanie Heller, Michelle Lisy, and Janice Mentrup were also honored. Enser and Mentrup are the only two players to have started all 75 games in the history of the program, which started in 1997.

After the ceremony, BG

Falcons split over weekend

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played a match in preparation for the Mid-American Conference tournament, which starts on Tuesday, losing 1-0. Resting their two leading goal scorers, sophomores Jill Conover and Tracy Glebner, for much of the first half, the Falcons (8-9-1) and Spartans (12-5-2) played a statistically uneventful 45 minutes.

Neither BG goalie Erika Flanders nor Michigan State goalie Stacy Heller recorded a save. The Falcons didn't get a single shot off in the first half; the Spartans managed five. The problem was that one of those five shots found the back of the BG net, when sophomore Heidi Lutz took a pass from senior Ann Cleszkowski and punched it past Flanders into the left side of the goal at 35:35.

It turned out to be the only goal

the Spartans would need. BG out-shot Michigan State 8-5 in the second half, but Heller snagged four saves and preserved the shutout. Flanders had two saves in the second half, the first was her 100th of the season.

"Obviously, this was an especially emotional game for us," Heller said. "It was unfortunate we couldn't pull off a win for our last home game, but I think now we just have to focus on the tournament."

"Everyone pretty much gave it their all," Mentrup said. "Everyone was into it and we played great. No regrets."

Friday, the Falcons set a new regular-season record with their eighth win of the year, besting Wisconsin Green Bay 3-1. Conover played a part in all three BG goals, scoring one and assist-

ing on the other two. Conover finished the regular season leading the team in goals (five), assists (eight), and points (18). The other two goal scorers for the Falcons were Eshleman at 19:03 in the first half, and Lisy at 82:21 in the second half.

The Phoenix's Kristin Lau scored their lone goal early in the second half. BG more than tripled Green Bay in shots, 24-7, and in shots on goal 11-3.

"It's kind of interesting when you look at games because we really didn't play as well as we would have liked to against Wisconsin-Green Bay, and we got a victory, and [vs. Michigan State] I thought we played very well, competing against a very good program, who are having an exceptional year," said coach Andy Richards.



Michael Lehmkuhle BG News

COLLISION: Falcon Janice Mentrup kicks the ball past Wisconsin Green Bay's Tiffany Treanor Friday.

Men win MAC championship

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shnoz. Fred just put a good ball across and I just had to knock it in."

BG ends the MAC season with a 4-2 record, which puts them in a four way tie for the top place in the conference with Akron, Kentucky and Marshall. But the deciding factor for the title is head to head records. Since the Falcons wins came against Akron and Marshall and their only loss came against Kentucky and since Akron and Kentucky's records

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MATT LYONS, SENIOR

against BG and Marshall are 1-2, BG wins the overall title.

"All along our plan was to play our best our best soccer at the end of the MAC season and into the MAC tournament and we are certainly doing that. The record is not a glorious record, but the guys put it together when it counted. That is a credit to the players is what championship teams do," Mahler said.

Power play has some kinks

P-PLAY, FROM PAGE 8

Powers added that it is common for a team's power play units to start off slow early in the season. After Friday's 2-1 win in which the Falcons went two for eight with the advantage, he credited the power play units for getting control of the puck, passing well and scoring. But it still needs improvement.

"You want the power play to get to the point where you can score any time," Powers said. "We're not quite there yet."

BG is not the only team in the CCHA that has had trouble converting on the power play. Since last season the league's average power play percentage has dropped from around 30 percent to about 20 percent.

"Goaltenders and penalty-killing have come so far in the last year that it's extremely difficult to have a good power play," Powers said.

He added that BG and UAF

both had good chances with the man-advantage, but the Falcons' Tyler Masters and the Nanooks' Lance Mayes "stole the game" by making big saves.

BG was one for eight on the power play in Saturday's game, which ended with a 1-1 tie with UAF. On paper the Falcons could have had more than one power play goal, but many of their opportunities came late in each period, when the ice was rough.

"When the ice gets bumpy, guys hesitate, and the puck tends to roll," Powers said.

BG's power play units are young. This past weekend, freshmen McConvey, Kevin Biekas and Brian Escobedo were among the frosh who saw time with the man advantage. Escobedo had three assists on power play goals in the series.

"We're learning as the games go on," said Escobedo, of the Falcon power play.

Powers acknowledged that it is hard for freshmen to play on special teams with the pressure of college hockey, but experience will only improve their skills.

"Down the line, they'll be pretty darn good players," Powers said.

As for improving the power play, Powers said that he will look at the film of the UAF series to see if any adjustments should be made. Both units generated many scoring opportunities, he said.

He added that the power play has come a long way since the beginning of the season. The Falcons' passing has improved but sometimes players still mishandle the puck.

"We're making progression on it but nonetheless, it has to improve," Powers said. "You're not going to be in the upper tier of this league if you're not good on the power play."

BG gets first win

lowed with a goal of his own on the power play 2:52 later to give Bowling Green their first lead of the season.

The Nanooks were not to be out done though and brought the score to two all when Tom Herman scored his second goal of the year with a one time strike that beat Falcon net minder Tyler Masters high to the glove side.

The third period would be all BG as the Falcons controlled the tempo of the game. Senior Falcon forward Ryan Murphy took the bagel off of his goal total on the season when he deflected a Kevin Bieska pass 2:54 into the third.

Sophomore Ryan Fultz wrapped up the evenings scoring with a power play rebound goal with less than 10 minutes left in regulation. Masters made 19 saves off of 21 Fairbanks shots as opposed to facing 20 shots in the first period alone in the 4-3 loss against Michigan on Oct. 22. McKay made 23 saves in a losing effort.

"Defensively, we kept shots down and Tyler played good when we needed him while we got big goals when we needed them," said BG defenseman Joe Statkus. "The guys stepped up getting a win which is good for the younger guys and us to build some confidence as long as we keep improving each week."

Fairbanks coach Guy Gadowski, in the return match, made a goaltending change by starting sophomore Lance Mayes making it a rematch between him and Masters. The last time the two met up last year on Oct. 30 the two squads combined for nine goals, the total opposite would happen as the teams skated to a 1-1 tie.

The Falcons came back from a 1-0 deficit when Curtis Valentine scored the tying goal on the power play when he received a pass from Ryan Fultz and roofed it past an out of position Mayes with less than ten minutes left in the third period. Freshman Brian Escobedo was given the

"Coming into the third period, I had to make some key saves to keep the game tight. All and all, I think defensively, we had a good game and it shows on the scoreboard."

LANCE MAYES, SOPHOMORE

assist on the play, which was his third in the last two games.

The Falcons were down because of an exceptional play by sophomore Nanook Blane Bablitz. Bablitz lunged at a sitting puck in front of the Falcon cage and tipped it in 9:34 into the game. The free puck was a result after a Masters save off Bablitz's teammate Jim Lawrence's shot.

The story though was the play of the two goaltenders. Mayes would make 27 saves, five of them coming in the overtime session. While Masters made 33 saves on the evening while unlike his counterpart had to make no saves in the extra session.

"Coming into the third period, I had to make some key saves to keep the game tight," Mayes said. "The defense played well and did a great job of keeping the other guys out in front of the net. All and all I think defensively we had a good game and it shows on the scoreboard."

The Falcons lost another defenseman when Louis Mass suffered a concussion early in the second period. Mass played a few shifts until calling it a day and headed into the locker room for a further evaluation by team doctors.

The 0-4-2 Nanooks will head to Nebraska-Omaha next weekend while the 1-4-1 Falcons will head to Marquette to battle Northern Michigan.

Norris, Rommeck lead way for Volleyball

V-BALL, FROM PAGE 8

team, the Orange and Brown hit a .057 in the first game and .042 in the deciding fifth contest.

"We came out slow," said freshman setter Sara Sikorski. "We had some opportunities to win the game but we couldn't put it away."

Freshman outside hitter Susie Norris lead the Falcons with 21 kills and added 15 digs. Rommeck and senior JoAnna Papageorgiou had six blocks each.

"They were playing to win while we were playing not to lose," Rommeck said. "We had better stats, but we just didn't pull it through."

The tables turned as BG entered Rhodes Arena to battle the Zips. It was Akron which beat the Falcons earlier in the season and this time, it was BG which got off to the fast start.

They combined for 38 kills and only 10 errors in the first two games while UA was struggling to produce offense. Akron's Katie Kuzior, who lit up BG for 25 kills in the previous meeting, was stifled by the Falcon defense and only picked up three kills in 19 attempts.

Four Falcons led the way in kills with double-digit numbers. Rommeck led the team with 20 kills on the night. Norris also added 19 and helped national the digs ranking average with 28.

"We had to make things happen," Rommeck said. "We had a real good pre-game warm up. Then we came out and we all played real well together."

The Falcons will continue their MAC schedule with weekend games against Toledo at home and Marshall in Huntington.

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Personals

International Business Association Meeting NFO Research speaker; Monday the 30th, 9pm BA room 104. Free tacos

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Need quick, easy cash? Call 353-2276 and ask for Jared or Andy. Mornings are best.

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Would you like to spend your spring break in New York City to learn about poverty and racism firsthand, and also earn 3 hours academic credit? For info call Brian Rose at 352-7534 or email brose43402@yahoo.com.

Wanted

1 fem. subleser in Hillsdale. Own room start lease Dec. 23 through Aug. 2001. More info, call 352-5772, ask for Abbey.

4 sublesers needed Spring semester Hillsdale Apts. Call 353-9440

Dec. graduation tax needed. Please call ASAP. Erin at 353-8459. Female roommate for spring & summer. Call Haley at 354-1605.

Female subleser needed for Spring 01 Semester Own bedroom; lots of space Call 352-2965.

I can do odd jobs. Landscaping, clean gutters, & misc. Contact Te @ 419-353-0386.

Need 1 female roommate ASAP. Call 354-6713.

Need 3 tickets for December graduation. Will pay! Please call Sara-354-6492

Need Dec. graduation tickets. Please call 352-1671.

Help Wanted

Alternate wanted, girl's group home. 4pm-10pm, Mon-Thur. \$7.00/hr to start. Swanton, 825-5576.

ATTENTION STUDENTS MOLTEN CORP. 436 N. ENTERPRISE ST. IMMEDIATE HIRE! Part Time Less than one block from Campus **\$6/HR. STARTING PAY** 3 shifts available:
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Bass Player Needed For up & coming alternative rock band. Call Jim @ 372-1687

Cashiers start immediately for a part-time 2nd & 3rd shift position, full & part time. Competitive pay & commission. Apply today! BP Oil. 1670 E. Wooster.

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Fraternities * Sororities Clubs * Student Groups Earn \$1,000-\$2,000 this quarter with the easy **CampusFundraiser.com** three hour fundraising event. No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact **CampusFundraiser.com** at (888) 923-3238 or visit www.campusfundraiser.com

HICKORY FARMS CALL CENTER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES SEASONAL \$7.50 + Hickory Farms is now hiring full and part-time seasonal Service Representatives to input orders into our seasonal processing system and respond to customer inquiries regarding the status of their order. Positions are also open for clericals and mail order processors. \$50 per hour increase after customer service training. Positions are open now through February on day and evening shifts, during the week and on weekends. Must have computer and typing skills. We offer attendance incentives, 40% employee discount, flexible scheduling, and professional supervision. Apply in person Mon - Fri., 9am-7pm, & Sat., 10am-2pm, Hickory Farms Corporate Office, 1505 Holland Rd., Maumee, OH, EOE.

Dancers-No experience necessary, earn **BIG MONEY\$\$\$!** Apply in person at: Deja Vu, 135 S. Bryne, 531-0329.

FINDERS RECORDS Customer service sales positions available. Must be mature, responsible, effective communication skills, outgoing personality. Superior customer service skills are essential. Please send resume & ref. to Finders, 128 N. Main St., BG, OH, 43402

JOB RECRUIT Several factory jobs available. Apply at Woodland Mall in Bowling Green from 10:00a-2:00p Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Look for the Renhill sign. 419-353-1540.

Office cleaning, evenings. 10-12 hrs/week, own trans. required. Call 352-5822.

Servers, Quarry Beach and Racquet Club in Maumee is looking for servers Wednesday thru Saturday evenings and Sunday brunch. This private club setting is an excellent opportunity for the night person. Call Todd at 419-865-4700 for details.

Telephone interviewing. No sales. Flexible scheduling. Some days, mostly evenings & weekends. Relaxed atmosphere. In Perrysburg. Up to \$7.00+ hour depending on skills. 874-5842.

Wait staff and dishwashers needed. Apply within. Immediate positions available. Various day and night hours. Haskins Inn, 100 West Main St., Haskins, OH. 419-823-0014.

Wanted: Dancers, waitstaff, apply after 5pm, 5801 Telegraph, Toledo, OH or call 419-476-6640.

For Sale

1/4 karat women's wedding set, engagement ring & band. Call 354-6713.

1990 Toyota Camry w/air, and overdrive. **VERY RELIABLE!** \$3,150. Call 669-3189.

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HONDAS FROM \$500! Police impounds and tax repos! For listings 1-800-719-3001 ext4558.

For Rent

** 2001-2002 listings available ** Will mail or pick-up at office. 316 E. Merry #3 or call 353-0325.

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2 bedroom apt., 8th St. #8. 1 bathroom, \$425/mo. 389-4890.

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Hillsdale Apt./1082 Fairview, One bedroom, dishwasher, A/C, carpets. Starts at \$390.00 mo. Available Nov. 1. Call 353-5800

Large 3 bdrm apt. for rent, spring semester, fully furnished, spacious, clean. Call 419-352-9593.

Now renting for May 2001: 3 bdrm townhouses \$800/month plus utilities, no pets Call 353-0494

Spacious, one bedroom apt. 215 E. Poe Rd/Evergreen Apts. On-site laundry facility Starting \$365.00 month Available now! Call 353-5800

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Sublesers needed beginning January 13. 2/3 bedroom house, big kitchen and porch, close to campus and downtown, \$555/month. 208 E. Merry Apt. A. Please call Sarah or Angela 352-3164.

The Technology Infrastructure Project • Building an Electronic Community



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Covering the phones

Just as preparations continue for the BGSU Web portal, digital video and other aspects of the coming data/video network, so, too, does work on the other dimension of the infrastructure project—the new voice network.

A year from now, faculty and staff will have new "voice terminals" (telephones) with all the capabilities of their current phones plus additional features such as caller ID.

Also among the capabilities will be customized call-center announcements and other call-center features that could be particularly helpful to campus offices that serve many students. Those features include the ability to keep statistics on calls and to reroute calls, based on length of wait, from students who phone a busy office and are put on hold.

Making all this possible will be a new phone switch, which will be operational at the same time as the new phones—mid-October 2001, coinciding with next year's fall break. Helping determine who will get what type of phone and calling features will be a wintertime survey of department contacts to collect information about the needs of each user. Training will also be part of the equation for all users.

Voice system preparations include selection of a local phone service provider as well. That process is ongoing, with new service to arrive with the new

features next fall. The upshot will be increased reliability and service levels, and as a result of the project more generally, faster Internet access and improved connections between the Bowling Green and Firelands campuses.



A REMINDER: Today is the deadline to apply for a grant in the Tech Grants 2000 program. Application forms and accompanying narratives must be submitted to the applicant's dean or (for those not reporting to a dean) vice president. Deans/vice presidents will recommend and prioritize projects in each of the three program categories (development, travel and laptop grants), then submit them to the Tech Grants 2000 committee by Nov. 14. Awards will be made by Dec. 1.

Look for weekly BGsupernet updates in "The BG News." Construction updates are available via the project hotline (2-0500) and on the Web at www.bgsu.edu/bgsupernet.



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Engagement Announcement

Freida and Freddie Falcon of Bowling Green proudly announce the engagement of their son, Frank Falcon to Felicia Finch of Findlay. Frank and Felicia are both students at Bowling Green State University majoring in finance. Frank and Felicia are both employed by BGSU University Dining Services. They are planning a November 16th wedding with a reception from 4:30pm-7:00pm in the Sundial in Kreisler. Please join us to celebrate their joyful union.

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